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1. Max Reimann and two other KPD leaders are reported to have visited Berlin 7-8 December 1949 for discussions with the SED Politburo. Hans Jendretzky of the Berlin SED and Adolf Deter of the FDGB participated in the discussions.
2. The main subject was reorganization of Party work in Germany to meet the criticisms voiced in the Cominform resolution. It was agreed that it had been a mistake to allow the KPD to work without close supervision by the SED. On several occasions when sudden decisions had been called for, the KPD had reacted contrary to SED policy.
3. Party work in Germany falls in three groups: DDR, Berlin, West Germany. Tactics in West Germany and Berlin will often be similar, while the SED in the East will usually go its own path.
4. The KPD has been used as a battering ram against impregnable positions in the West. The result has been a wearing out of Party leaders and loss of members and influence. It is proposed now that the KPD camouflage as far as possible all connection with the USSR and put all its energy in the task of gaining influence in West Germany. This is to be accomplished by supporting the SPD in the Bundestag and in propaganda. In this way the KPD may win some friends and be able to furnish the Politburo better information on the political situation and on parliamentary maneuvering in Bonn.
5. To guide the KPD, an office is to be set up in Berlin with two KPD men to maintain liaison with the Politburo. Their main point of contact will be with Franz Dahlen.
6. Hope for any early triumph in Berlin has been abandoned. It is recognized that western, particularly American, intervention in Berlin has been so successful that even the SED in the Russian sector has capitulated. In the Bundesrepublik on the other hand, it is hoped that it will be possible to mobilize opposition to Adenauer. In pursuit of this goal, propaganda for the National Front and for German-Soviet friendship must be discontinued by the KPD.

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